

## Matchmaker: Mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest

Below are written descriptions and images of fruiting bodies, mushrooms, of the fungal species in this ectomycorrhizal association. The information is from the web version of the Matchmaker: Mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest (MMPNW) created by the Canadian Forest Service and based on the Windows MMPNW version 1.3 by Ian and Eli Gibson.

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**LATIN NAME(S)** Cortinarius scaurus Fr. group Arora

**NOTES** subgenus Phlegmacium; group characterized by bright green to greenish-yellow colors, viscid cap, and dry stem with well-defined bulb (at least when young); description of group derived from Arora; group includes herpeticus, montanus, and scaurus (a

**CAP** 3-10cm, convex with inrolled margin, expanding when old; color variable: usually olive-green to dark olive brown, but in some varieties brownish at the center and greenish to greenish-yellow at the margin, and in others bright grass or citrine-green, often with a browner center or brownish spots and fibrils; smooth, viscid

**FLESH** thick, firm; pallid to yellowish

**GILLS** notched or adnexed to adnate, close; typically olive to greenish-yellow (in some forms with a fleeting initial lavender or bluish-violet stage), but in some forms yellow when young, all forms becoming browner or rustier as spores mature

**STEM** 4-10cm x 0.5-1.5(2)cm at top, equal above, the base with a more or less rimmed abrupt bulb when young that may become oblique or obscure when old, solid; usually greenish like the cap or yellower or even pallid (when old), the top sometimes bluish, the bulb often sulfur-yellow; not viscid

**VEIL** cortina olive to yellow, usually leaving hairs on stem

**ODOR** usually mild

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**EDIBILITY** avoid due to difficulty identifying

**HABITAT** solitary to scattered or gregarious on ground in woods

**SPORE DEPOSIT** rusty-brown

**MICROSCOPIC** spores 9-13 x 6-7.5 microns, elliptic, rough

**NAME ORIGIN** means 'with swollen ankles'

**SOURCES** Arora, Courtecuisse\*

**FAMILY** Cortinariaceae of Order Agaricales